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**MEMORIAL BRIDGE (US ROUTE 1) IN PORTSMOUTH TO BE CLOSED  
TO TRAFFIC FOR NINE HOURS ON JUNE 30**

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces the Memorial Bridge carrying US Route 1 over the Piscataqua River in Portsmouth will be closed to vehicle and pedestrian traffic for a nine-hour period on Wednesday, June 30, 2004.

The Memorial Bridge closure, from 5:00 AM until 2:00 PM on June 30, will be necessary in order to complete work associated with structural steel repairs at the bridge. Motorists and pedestrians are advised to seek alternate routes, including the Sarah Long Bridge (NH Route 1A), during this time period.

Navigation on the Piscataqua River will not be affected by the bridge closure.

The general contractor for the \$699,000 bridge rehabilitation project is Cianbro, Corporation of Pittsfield, Maine.